

## SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please add the following paragraph before the heading entitled "Detailed Description of the Invention" at page 3:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a front view of a recording apparatus;

Fig. 2(a) illustrates a line head process;

Fig. 2(b) illustrates a flat head process; and

Fig. 2(c) illustrates a serial ink jet recording process. --

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 1 as follows:

-- However, as a result of study, it has been found that ink viscosity under a low shear rate is also very important in view of stable ink ejection. Because ~~ink~~ while ink flows in the ink flow path, a high shear is not necessarily applied to the ink. When ink has a great thixotropic property, pseudoplasticity, or flowability, the ink viscosity is extremely high under a low shear rate. In this case, ~~when~~ ink dwells in the ink path with no shear applied or a recording head is not driven for a long ~~time~~, time. --